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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Leslie T. Rogers Regional Administrator Federal Transit Administration 201 Mission Street, Suite 1650 San Francisco, CA 94105

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, I am transmitting the following amendment to California's 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for your approval. This amendment modifies exempt projects to the rural, non-Metropolitan Planning Organization portion of the State.

Description No.

2.5 State Element (Regional Improvement Program, State Highway and Operations **Protection Program)**

- Modifies funding for the Lake Siskiyou Trail Phase II. This amendment programs a total of \$112,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2005/06. This is an increase of \$60,000 (\$53,000 in transportation enhancement funds, \$7,000 in state cash).
- Modifies the State Highway and Operations Protection Program (SHOPP) lump-sum Minor Air Quality Exempt Grouped Projects by programming \$1,331,000 (\$1,178,000 National Highway System funds, \$153,000 state cash) for the Salt Creek Bridge project.
- Modifies the SHOPP lump-sum Roadway Preservation (MPO ID SH_RDWAYP) by programming an additional \$40,225,000 (\$35,611,000 National Highway System, \$4,614,000 state cash) in FY 2006/07 for the Donner Lake Interchange and Soda Springs Interchange projects.
- Modifies the SHOPP lump-sum Roadside Preservation (MPO ID SH-RDSIDE) by advancing the Donner Summit Roadside Rest Areas from FY 2006/07 -2007/08 and increasing funding by \$2,876,000 (\$2,546,000 National Highway System, \$330,000 state cash).

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The updated programming is for projects that are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination and/or regional emissions analysis be performed per 40 Code of Federal Regulations 93.126 and 93.127 – Tables 2 and 3. Therefore, no further conformity determination is required. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by the California Department of Transportation through the California Transportation Improvement Program System.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Penny Gray, of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,

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Chief

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Enclosures

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